

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD, 1939

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE RAIL-
ROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939 AMOUNT-
ING TO \$325,000

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 16, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Railroad Retirement Board for the fiscal year 1939, amounting to \$325,000.

The details of the estimate, the necessity therefor, and the reason for its submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 16, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the Railroad Retirement Board for the fiscal year 1939, amounting to \$325,000, as follows:

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Salaries and expenses: For an additional amount for three Board members and for all other authorized and necessary expenditures of the Railroad Retirement Board in performing the duties imposed by law or in pursuance of law, fiscal year 1939, including the same objects and under the same limitations specified under this head in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1939, \$325,000 (45 U. S. C. 215-228, 228a-228r; 52 Stat. 423, 1118).

For the fiscal year 1939 funds in the amount of \$2,585,000 have been provided for salaries and expenses of the Board. After these funds were made available the Board found it necessary to give employees, subject to benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, an opportunity to file a standard beneficiary designation form. To date approximately 1,000,000 of these have been filed with the Board and it is now necessary for these to be examined and recorded in order that proper payment may be made on death claims. The Board has also found it necessary to recruit a small field force and to purchase supplies required in connection with the gathering of prior service records of employees entitled to benefits under the act. The Board is undertaking this work in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration. Furthermore, the supplemental estimate provides for an additional amount for transfer to the Treasury Department due to the increase in work in the Division of Disbursements and in the Office of the Treasurer resulting from progress made by the Board in the certification of claims.

The supplemental estimate of appropriation is required to meet a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939, and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

F. J. BAILEY,
Executive Assistant

(For and in the absence of the Acting
Director of the Bureau of the Budget).

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